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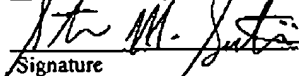
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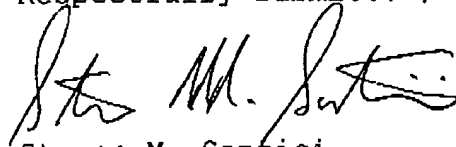
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period for response expired on September 24, 2005. After granting the Request for a three-month extension of time, the response period will expire on December 24, 2005. Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1696 in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the three-month extension fee.

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Respectfully submitted,



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